

BUSINESS BOOMING IN REALTY MARKET

Increased Activity in Building Operations of Late Is Marked.

PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR FALL SEASON

Indications All Point to Record-Breaker—Capital Forges to Front.

Increased activity in building operations has been in evidence during the week, and it is now apparent that there will be a great many new houses of every description on the market by early fall.

Generally speaking, less difficulty is now being encountered in rushing the construction of buildings than has been the case in several weeks. Good weather is a factor that has made its influence felt, and practically all operations are further advanced than it was anticipated they would be at this time, when their construction was begun.

Several big apartment houses and any number of the moderate price type of residences will be put on the market for sale and rent in September and October. While activity of brokers in disposing of new houses has already established a record for Washington, with respect to spring business, all indications now point to the fall trade being better than that of any of the other seasons.

Will Take First Rank.

Should such indications be realized, Washington will rank among the American cities showing the highest percentage of increase in building operations since the panic two years ago.

While building is going forward at a lively rate, ground is being prepared in several sections and subdivisions are being opened up looking toward the future building operations. In fact, activity in unimproved land is establishing a record and is coming in for a big share of the money that is seeking investment in the real estate of the Capital.

Next week will probably witness the launching of preparations to open a seventy-one acre tract lying north of San's addition, which is to contain 500 building lots and will be installed immediately with all city improvements. It is estimated that twelve months will be required to improve this tract, according to the plans that are being made, while the expense incurred will be approximately \$300,000.

Plans For Future.

When this section has been completed, the company, which is financing the project, will commence the subdivision of a tract lying north of it, which has already been purchased and contains 215 acres.

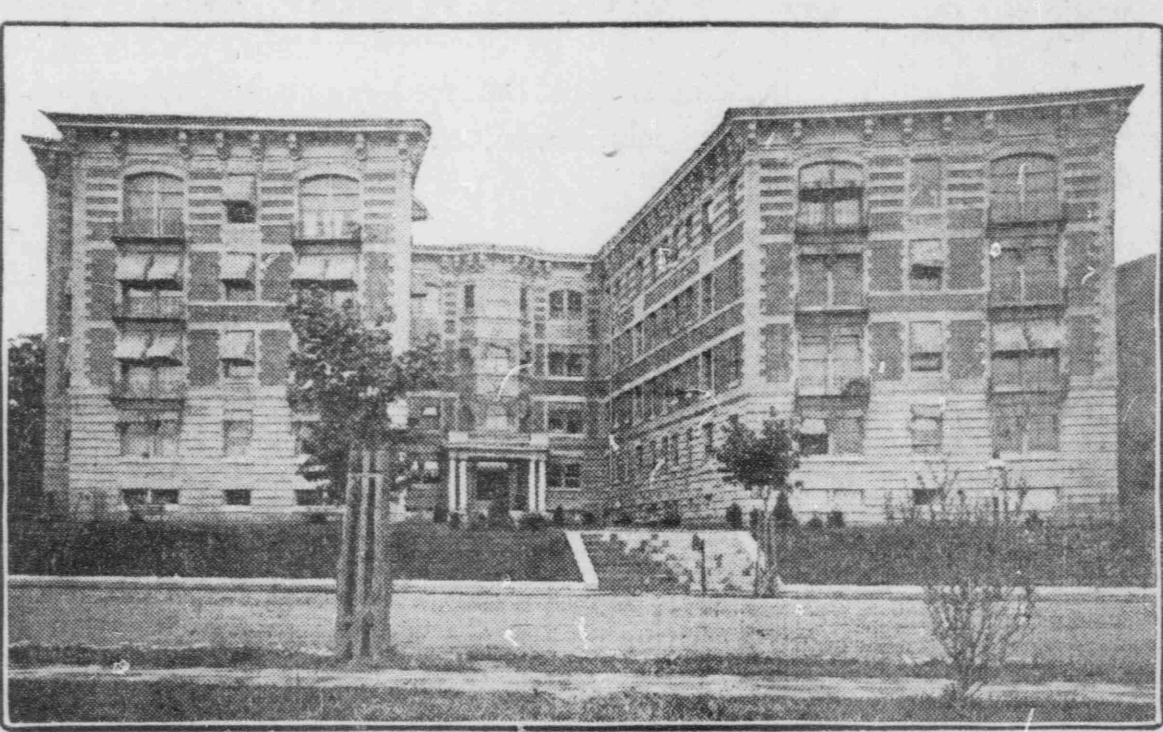
The contemplated improvement constitutes only one instance of the plans now being made for the development of unimproved ground in the northwest section generally.

With respect to the sales of the present week, several good-sized deals, both in improved and unimproved property have been made, and there has been no appreciable let-up in the demand for property of all classes and in every section of the city.

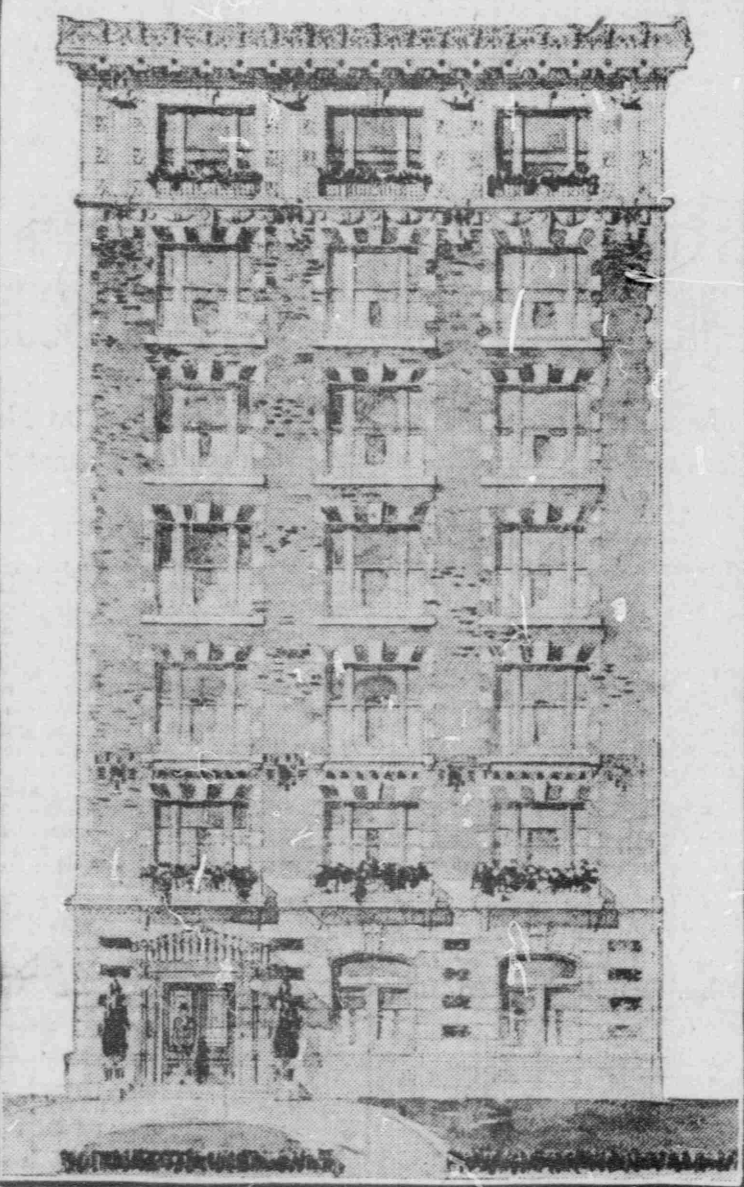
Large crowds have attended all of the auction sales and, in the majority of cases, prices brought were higher than those sought to be realized by the persons disposing of the property.

Several operations are under way of making considerable alterations and improvements in downtown business properties.

NEW HOUSE AND DESIGN OF ANOTHER



EARLINGTON APARTMENTS.



DESIGN OF \$125,000 HOUSE FOR JAMES RICHARDSON.

FINE APARTMENTS IN THE NORTHWEST

One Completed and Other May Be Ready to Rent by September.

Washington's building record for 1909 will be conspicuous for the erection of two apartment houses which are among the handsomest of their kind that have been put up in the Capital. Only one of them, the Earlington, Sixteenth street, near Columbia road, has been completed, the other, at 1509 Sixteenth street, being still in course of construction. The total investment in both properties is \$250,000. The former is owned by Harry Wardman.

Bringing to mind the fact that apartment houses are still in demand, announcement was made today that the Earlington, which contains forty suites, had been entirely rented.

Brick and Stone.

Designed by Architect A. H. Beers, it occupies a lot 150 by 150 feet, is five stories high, and is constructed of brick and stone. The design of its court gives a decidedly pleasing effect to its general outline. From four to six rooms are contained in each suite.

The other house is nearly opposite the home of former Senator Joseph B. Foraker and near the Carnegie Administration building.

Work is now being rushed upon it and has advanced to the first story. Effort will be made to have it completed by September.

A name for the apartment, which was designed by Averill, Hall & Adams and is owned by Joseph Richardson, has not been decided upon. It fronts forty feet on Sixteenth street and runs back 100 feet and will be seven stories high.

Dressed Limestone.

Dressed limestone is employed in the construction to the second floor, and above that red brick will be used. The interior finish will be generally white enamel, with mahogany doors. The library will be finished in a warm brown with beamed ceilings and equipped with wide-open fireplaces and built-in book cases.

The firm of Richardson & Burgess is constructing it.

MINISTER ATTACKS THE ADVENTISTS

"In their opposition to Sunday laws for the District of Columbia the Adventists are arrayed with the saloon keeper, the law breaker and all who desecrate the Sabbath."

In an address before the Epworth League Union, last night Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York avenue Presbyterian Church, thus arraigned the Adventists, whom he declared responsible for the failure of Congress to adopt legislation prescribing Sunday as a day of rest in the District of Columbia.

"It is preposterous," said the preacher, "that an organization numbering not more than 50 in the District of Columbia can counteract the efforts of thousands and tens of thousands of Christians. We are for the laboring man who is entitled to his day of rest without which he can not long do justice to himself or his family. The legislation we ask is not unreasonable, and should have the support of every right thinking citizen."

GIVES BIRTH TO FIVE.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., May 22.—The wife of Ray Irish, of Thorp, Clark county, yesterday gave birth to five babies, three daughters and two sons. All are alive and well. There are now ten children in the family. The other five were born separately, and are all living.

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TEN GET DIPLOMAS AT FRIENDS' SCHOOL

Theological Students at Howard University Also Receive Certificates.

Waste not only of coal, wood, and water, but of human life is the besetting sin of the people, according to Thomas W. Sidwell, principal of the Friends' Select School.

In an address on "Waste of the Nation" to the graduating class of the school at the Friends' meeting house, Mr. Sidwell last night declared that tuberculosis and typhoid fever are needless and could be avoided if we ceased wasting the human energy.

President Henry C. King, of Oberlin College, delivered an address and Thomas E. Greene sang three solos. The pianist was Harvey Murray. Following the exercises a reception was held.

Those who received diplomas were Miss Elizabeth J. Meddow, Miss Elizabeth Swartzell, Miss Cornelia F. Walker, Lawrence A. Baker, William S. Brown, Julius A. Fay, William W. Nairn, Jr., Dexter North, Lester B. Platt, J., and Charles S. Thorne.

Relatives and friends of the students of the school of the Howard University filled Rankin Memorial Chapel last night and witnessed the conferring of diplomas upon eleven divinity students. The presentation was made to the class by the Rev. D. E. Wiseman and the degrees were conferred by the Rev. W. H. Thirkield, president of the university. The Rev. Dr. Samuel H. Woodrow, pastor of the First Congregational Church, delivered the address to the graduates.

"Cricket On the Hearth."

It may be a long jump from manual training to dramatic art, but an all-star aggregation from Technical High School leaped the chasm last evening and produced "The Cricket on the Hearth" in a highly acceptable manner.

It was a strictly closed event but did not bear any of the earmarks of being homespun. Technical furnished the actors, the scenery, the orchestra, and most of the audience. But a few who came with unbiased judgment say this morning that the performance was one of the best amateur presentations seen in Washington for many months.

Miss Gertrude Browne was Dot. She soared across the natural barriers of her part and is in imminent danger of being classed with our leading "personality actors." But if Miss Browne's personal charms were hardly behind those of Miss Ethel Barrymore and Miss Billie Burke she took her acting much more seriously. Miss Ma Morrell played Mrs. Fielding, the matchmaker, with great success.

May Fielding was played by Miss Jane Pidgeon and the role of Mr. Tackleton was taken by George Lewis. He acquitted according to accepted Frank Daniels standards.

The performance will be repeated this evening. The proceeds will go to the McKinley school's fund for athletics, orchestra and the school paper.

VIRGINIA PROPERTY BECOMING ACTIVE

Many Sales Are Made of Real Estate in Alexandria County.

That capitalists are turning their attention to Alexandria county property is evident from the large number of sales that have been made recently across the river.

The county is now fairly belted with trolley lines and the fact that such quick service can be had to Washington is regarded as constituting the unusual stimulus which property on the other side of the Potomac is receiving. Not only is a great deal of unimproved land being sold, but houses are going up in every direction.

A number of the transfers were made through the office of R. G. Collins. The sales reported are the following: For Wood-Harmon Company, one lot at St. Elmo, to George E. Garrett.

For Richard H. Gaskins, of Washington, two lots at Clarendon, to John W. Funk.

For Wood-Harmon Company, three lots at Clarendon, to Mrs. Fannie Lee Stevens.

For Wood-Harmon Company, two lots at Clarendon, to George D. Acers.

For Aleatha V. Gibson, of Washington, three lots at Clarendon, to Edward Wilson, of Indian Head, N. Y.

For Allan H. Orndorff, house and lots, at Dominion Heights, to Edward Gocher, of Indian Head, N. Y.

For Wood-Harmon Company, one lot, at Clarendon, to Samuel M. Dodd.

ASSOCIATION PLANS NEW PENSION LAW

Members Will Submit Civil Service Retirement Bill to Congress.

President Taft's speech to the officers, delegates, and friends of the Civil Service Retirement Association in the White House yesterday may result in the association framing up a recommendation to be presented to Congress next session which shall provide a means for taking care of the Government's superannuated employees.

The President, in his speech, commended the merit system, and intimated that a retirement provision was a corollary to it. He suggested that as long as Congress seemed to be opposed to the civil pension law some other method, which would be effective, should be adopted.

WASHOUTS BLOCK ROADS TO AUTOISTS

Two washouts between here and Ridgeville has made motoring from Washington to Frederick impossible. The recent rains are responsible for the present conditions, and while the streams are rapidly subsiding it will be several days before motoring in that section can be accomplished without danger.

The Northwestern Leads

One Company vs. One Hundred Sixty

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BAPTISTS TO BUILD HANDSOME EDIFICE

Alexander Memorial Congregation Will Spend \$15,000 on New Structure.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU

CONCORD, N. H., May 22, 1909.
The trustees of the Alexander Memorial Baptist Church of Georgetown, who some months ago purchased the property at 2715 N street northwest, are having plans prepared for the erection of a handsome edifice on the western part of the lot, to cost about \$15,000.

The building will be about fifty feet front and ninety feet deep, and will be a one-story structure.

It was the original intention of the trustees to convert the large brick dwelling, 2715 N street, into a house of worship, but at the last meeting of the board it was decided that it would be more advisable to build a new building and hold the present brick building as an investment.

Herbert T. Shannon and Morton C. Luchs, of the firm of Shannon & Luchs, Inc., have purchased of Edward O. Forney, the large lot at the southwest corner of Thirtieth and Cambridge Place northwest, which property they have traded to Edward M. Dulin, the builder, for his property on the west side of Jefferson avenue, between the C & O canal and M street northwest, known as the Westley yellow house. Mr. Dulin paid \$5,000 for the Jefferson avenue property several years ago, at public auction.

Dulin will immediately start the erection of a row of modern brick dwellings, on the lot at Thirtieth and Cambridge Place, which when completed will be placed on the market.

S. Norris Thorn, Richard E. Clough-ton, and Fred L. Vogt, trustees, have sold to George W. Acorn a small brick house on Twenty-fifth street, between H and I streets northwest, being part of original lot 17, in square 17.

**MRS. BERRIAN SELLS
HOUSE FOR \$7,950**

For a consideration of \$7,950, Mrs. Harriet E. Berrian has sold to Henry N. Bawner, Jr., the three-story Roman brick house, located at 337 Eighteenth street, between Lamont and Monroe streets, in Ingleside subdivision, through the office of Willing, Gibbs, & Daniel. The house has ten large rooms, two tiled baths, and occupies a lot having a 20-foot frontage by a depth of 120 feet. It is a row built three years ago by John F. Lynch. The purchaser intends to occupy it.

WILL MAKE BARN AMUSEMENT HALL

Work of Remodeling Old Structure Begun—Project Is Large One.

Work has been begun upon the remodeling of the old car barn property on Fourteenth street, near Park road, which is to be made into a large amusement hall, to be owned and controlled by the Arcade Amusement Company.

While the present building extends over an acre and one-half of ground, it is stated that the new building, which will be completed October 1, will extend over two and one-half acres.

Plans for the remodeling were drawn by Averill, Hall & Adams, although the building will be more new than remodeled, and will not resemble the old structure in any detail.

On the ground floor there will be an arcade of forty stores and a garage large enough to hold eighty automobiles. The recently organized Columbia Heights Bank has secured quarters on the ground floor and it is stated that one of the largest grocery stores north of New York avenue has also secured space in the building.

On the second floor there will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of 2,000, and a moving picture theater with a seating capacity of 300. There will also be a cafe, merry-go-round, and bowling alley on this floor, in addition to a roof garden above.

The new building will be constructed of brick and stone and will be entirely fireproof. The improvements will cost more than \$30,000.

**NEW HOUSE IS SOLD
TO SARAH E. DILLON**

One of the row of nine houses just being finished on Church street northwest, has been sold by James R. Ellison and Thomas H. Pickford to Sarah E. Dillon, for \$5,500.

The property is located at 1735 Church street, and is of colonial style, containing six rooms and a bath. The deal was made by Leslie E. F. Prince.

PRAISE TAFT AND FORAKER.
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., May 22.—At the session of the Philadelphia and Baltimore conference of the African Methodist Church Rev. E. D. W. Jones, of Harrisburg, commended the present national administration for the attitude assumed toward the negro and praised Senator Foraker for his efforts in behalf of the reinstatement of the Brownsville soldiers.

THINKS LAND WORTH \$30 A SQUARE FOOT

Valuation Placed on Ground Occupied by the Regent Hotel.

Thirty dollars a square foot is the valuation placed by John E. McLaren upon the land occupied by the Regent Hotel, at Fifteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue.

The commission which is fixing the value of the land in Pennsylvania avenue, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, for condemnation continued its session yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McLaren, the first witness, placed the value of the site of Chase's Theater at \$20 a square foot, adding that an entrance on the Avenue enhanced the worth of the property.

E. E. Pillsbury said that he would pay an annual rental of \$40,000 for Chase's Theater with an Avenue entrance and \$30,000 without such entrance.

The Regent Hotel property was valued by James L. Parsons at \$98,728. H. Wheeler, the present tenant, said that he considered the site the best in Washington for a first-class hotel.

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